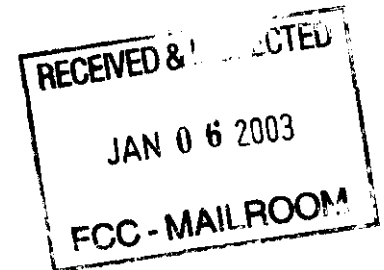


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December 26, 2002

SUBJECT: Media De-regulation

TO: Chairman Michael K. Powell  
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Michael J. Coops  
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein



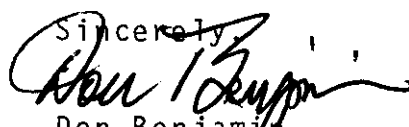
Dear Sirs and Madame,

I am writing to urgently request that you strongly and collectively oppose the concept of media ownership and control being increasingly taken into the hands of fewer and fewer families and financial groups as you know is now being contemplated. I, and many like me, am tired of people like Rupert Murdoch, Edgar Bronfman, S.I. Newhouse, Sumner Redstone, Mort Zuckerman, Lawrence Tisch, and others, being given the power to control what I see, read, think and hear. They control too much already! This is America! I want some diversity in my information and I DO NOT need anyone deciding what I should see, read, think and hear, for me! I want to get 'all sides' of the picture and then use my own God given common sense to come to a conclusion. And, that is what my God given and Constitutional right as an American citizen allows me to do. However, it would be close to impossible to accomplish if my information sources were any more controlled than they already are. I would soon be spoon fed only what they wanted me to see, read and hear, thereby controlling what I think! Real news means to obtain information (from all sides of the spectrum) and, with that, come to your own logical conclusion. Please allow me to continue to do so. Tighten rules and regulations on ownership and control, DO NOT loosen them!

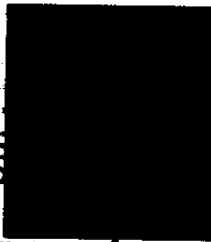
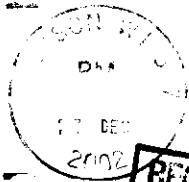
Look around you. What passes for "news" today is only the ghost of a shadow of what real "news" used to be (and still should be) and we all know it!

Again, I strongly urge that you collectively oppose loosening media ownership standards. Instead, if you love America, as I do, you will tighten the standards and restrict the growth of the media monopoly.

I respectfully request that you advise me as to the position you have taken on my request.

Sincerely,  
  
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I am the Public and I comment re: media merger rules

**Enough Already!** The media has a duty to the people to report the actual news. I am disgusted with the extent of mergers already allowed where big media decides what the people will hear and see based on the media company's self interest. We the people are not served by the homogenized media we have now. We need to put the PUBLIC back in airwaves, the NEWS back in newspaper and TV reporting. The concentration of our media in a very few hands is destroying our democracy. NO MORE MEDIA MERGERS.

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Chairman Powell and staff:

PLEASE think of the consequences before allowing the media to have a virtual monopoly. It will be no different that in a dictatorship because a few persons/corporations will have control of the whole media for all practical purposes. While a few TV/radio stations and newspapers will operate on the fringes, it will be difficult, as the big players will have control over everything.

At first this may seem a plus to you, figuring it will be easier to control the media; but it is a two-edged sword. Suppose in the future you were running for president and the monopoly didn't like you--you would be downgraded across the whole country.

In various ways we are fast losing democracy. PLEASE vote against allowing a few major corporations/persons from controlling the whole media.

Thank you.

*Pren Nothnagel*

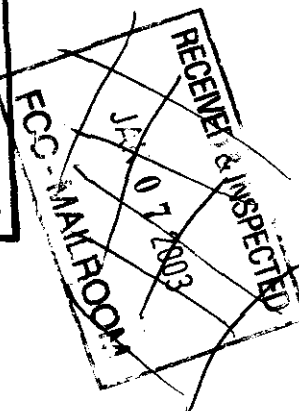
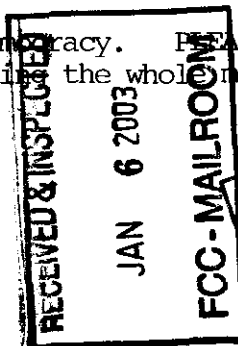
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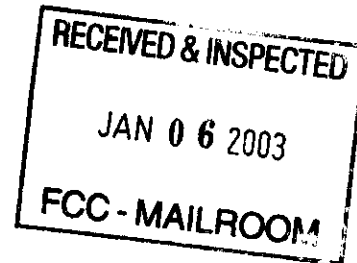
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Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Powell,

**With reference to:**

**The FCC's considering of loosening or doing away with regulations that limit the number of newspapers and radio and television outlets that a single company can own.**

It's common knowledge that Americans are not currently receiving unbiased news reporting. Disinformation and misinformation are rampant in today's mass-marketed media, more often than not with a purpose to sway public opinion one way or another. I would think that any decision to allow even greater monopolistic control of the news media would be a decision for Congress and not a regulatory body such as the FCC. Where does the FCC get its authority to make what appears to be a legislative decision?

The main purpose of the FCC should be to insure that all forms of communication are encouraged to freely express the truth without attempting to control the public's response. Is it not absolutely necessary that our press be free, uncontrolled and independent if we are to preserve anything resembling a free society? Our law makers and the FCC need to be thinking about ways to gain the maximum diversity of views in news reporting with emphasis upon how to get the least slanted, factual truth to the American public. Our system of self-rule is critically dependent upon having a fully and truthfully informed public.

By allowing a fewer number of individuals to control a greater share of the media, you are violating not only your own purpose, but also the very foundation of our liberty. Please direct your efforts toward bringing more free enterprising independent individuals into the media business. By promoting diversity and independence and discouraging monopolistic control, you will be doing your job by participating in the true spirit of one of America's most sacred and essential rights :  
**"Freedom of the Press!"**

Sincerely,

*David T. Lonier*  
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*Glenna K. Long*  
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Copies to: FCC Commissioners: Abernathy, Adelstein, Copps and Martin,  
U. S. Senators Carl Levin and Deborah Stabenow  
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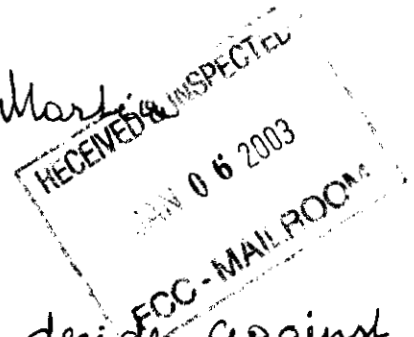
Chairman: Michael K. Powell

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Comm. Michael J. Copps, Comm. Kevin J. Martin

Comm. Jonathan Adelstein.

Dear Commissioners:



As commissioners I urge you to decide against big media monopoly. Small and independent papers are needed in America. The fewer the ownership of papers, radio stations and television the problem arises of bias and control.

Big is no longer good and moral any more. The news comes tainted when it comes from the mass media outlets.

Please do your duty to Americans, and don't go along with the new trend to go along the proposal that big media could buy up <sup>Continued</sup> smaller papers.

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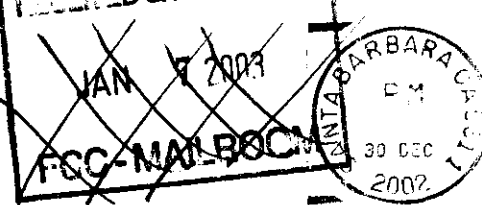
I urge you to ~~tighten~~ the standards ~~Distribution~~ ~~exist~~ the growth of the media monopoly in America.

Each one of you are responsible to uphold the Bill of Rights and the First Article. Allowing big money to control by abridging the freedom of speech, or the press... — is un-American.

Do not let big money win the day on this very important issue!

Dec. 29, 2002. Sincerely: John Demeter

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